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SUBJECT: ARGENTIA EXCESS PROPERTIES

REFS: A) STATE 257810; B) OTTAWA 4860

- 1. REF A PROVIDED USG RECOMMENDED REVISION TO SUBJECT DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH EXTAFF AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSED CHANGES, GOC REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON ADDITIONAL POINTS, REF B.
- 2. WE HAVE RE-EXAMINED ANNEX C TO DRAFT NOTE AND THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS THEREON MAY BE USED IN PROVIDING RESPONSE TO GOC QUESTIONS:

A) PARA 1, DELETE TERM "MILITARY NECESSITY." RIGHT TO FULL AND EXCLUSIVE USG OCCUPANCY SHOULD REMAIN IN THE EVENT OF "WAR, NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND OTHERWISE AS MUTUALLY AGREED CONFIDENTIAL

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UPON."

B) QUESTION REGARDING CONSTRAINTS PLACED ON LAND USE UNDER PARAGRAPH 7 IS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD. CONSTRAINTS ON LAND USE ARE ADDRESSED PRIMARILY IN PARAS 3 AND 6 OF ANNEX C. WITH REGARD TO PARA 6, WE ARE WILLING TO DELETE REQUIREMENT

THAT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MUST PRESERVE THE ENTIRE MANAGED AREA AND EXISTING FACILITIES. WE DO REQUIRE, HOWEVER, THAT NO NEW CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES SHOULD PRECLUDE USE OF THE RUNWAY IF RE-ENTRY REQUIRED BY THE USG. FYI: FUTURE USE OF THESE PROPERTIES IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY.

C) IN THE INTEREST OF SECURITY, COMMUNIST BLOC SHIPPING SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM ARGENTIA HARBOR. ALTHOUGH USG WILLING TO DELEGATE CONTROL OVER WATERS WITHIN HARBOR TO A SINGLE CANADIAN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY USG SHOULD RETAIN ULTIMATE HARBOR ENTRANCE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

- 3. CHART REQUESTED REF B WILL BE PROVIDED AT AN EARLY DATE CONCUR YOUR PROPOSAL THAT THE CHART WOULD ADEQUATELY SERVE AS A REPLACEMENT FOR ANNEX B TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.
- 4. EMBASSY OTTAWA'S OFFER TO PREPARE THE NEXT REVISION TO THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS, IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. BELIEVE USG CONCESSIONS TO DATE SHOULD ALLEVIATE GOC CONCERN FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE ON ARGENTIA NORTH SIDE.

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